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PSC GRANTS SUSPENSION OF LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY IMPLEMENTATION FOR GREEN HILLS TELEPHONE

Jefferson City (August 26, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a request filed by Green Hills Telephone Corporation seeking a two-year suspension of requirements to implement local number portability (LNP) in its service area. The Commission's order also granted modifications regarding call rating and routing issues.

Green Hills Telephone Corporation sought the suspension because its facilities are not currently LNP-capable and its switches would need to be upgraded in order to become LNP-capable. Green Hills contended that the monthly costs impose a significant adverse impact on its subscribers and that few of its subscribers are expected to take advantage of the wireline/wireless porting ability. Green Hills also stated that implementation and ongoing costs associated with LNP would impose an undue economic burden on the telephone company.

The Commission's order states: "The Commission finds that the significant adverse economic impact on these rural customers outweighs any potential benefit that Green Hills' subscribers will receive from wireline-to-wireless LNP."

Under LNP, a customer would be able to take his/her land line telephone number to a wireless provider.

Green Hills Telephone Corporation serves approximately 3,761 subscribers in 13 exchanges in Missouri.

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